

2024-09-09 Meeting with Morda Village Hall Trustees

Attendees:

Martin Bennett (MVH and ORPC)

Graham Betts (Community Buildings Advisor, Community Resource)

Robert Drury (MVH)

Richard Fowler (ORPC)

Susan Jones (MVH)

Christopher Toller (MVH)

Kelly Walker (Rural Services Team Leader, Community Resource)

The meeting was called in order to try to resolve the issue of releasing all documents relating to Morda and Sweeney Village Hall which are currently held by Oswestry Rural Parish Council.

Graham Betts set out the legal position with reference to the original 1966 Trust Deed, the appointment of ORPC as Custodian Trustee in 1996, and the subsequent appointment of the Official Custodian as Custodian Trustee. He said that based on his review of the documents that the transfer to the Official Custodian was legal and therefore that there was no reason why all documents relating to Morda and Sweeney Village Hall should not be released to the Village Hall trustees.

Councillors Bennett and Fowler said that on their reading of the relevant documents that they agreed with the position set out by Community Resource. As a result of this they said that a motion would be included in the next Parish Council meeting (27th September 2024) requesting that the documents were released to the Village Hall Trustees.

Councillor Bennett suggested that the vote on the motion should be recorded, a suggestion that was strongly endorsed by the Community Resource representatives.

Motion

"This Council agrees to release all currently held documents relating to the Morda and Sweeney Village Hall, into the care of the Trustees of the said hall, in response to their request, that they may fulfil their legal obligations, and in accordance with legal advice already issued to the Council that this be done."